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SUBJECT: MEETING WITH FONMIN UNDERSECRETARY PUJA - CSCE
GENEVA FOR USDEL TO CSCE.

1. SUMMARY. YESTERDAY AFTERNOON I PAID COURTESY CALL ON FONMIN UNDERSECRETARY FRIGYES PUJA, WHO WILL HEAD GOH DELEGATION TO SECOND ROUND OF CSCE TALKS. PUJA WAS POLITE, ENTIRELY COURTEOUS AND WELL INFORMED. BUT HE ALSO WAS OBVIOUSLY ON CONSERVATIVE SIDE OF ALL ISSUES WE DISCUSSED AND CLEARLY VIEWED THEM FROM IDEOLOGICAL PERSPECTIVE. AT SAME TIME HE WELCOMED FORTHCOMING VISIT OF SECRETARY DENT AND SEVERAL TIMES EXPRESSED HOPE FOR IMPROVED HUNGARIAN-US RELATIONS. THIS MESSAGE COVERS CSCE. BERLIN AND VIETNAM COVERED IN SEPTELS. END SUMMARY.

2. NOTING IMPORTANCE OF CSCE FOR IMPROVING COOPERATION IN
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EUROPE, I SAID I HAD READ PUJA ARTICLE ON CSCE WHICH

APPEARED IN NEPSZABADSAG THIS SUMMER. I SAID I DID NOT UNDERSTAND PRACTICAL EFFECT OF HIS POSITION THAT SOCIALIST COUNTRIES SEE NEED FOR RECIPROCAL INFORMATION IN SERVICE OF PEACE AND COOPERATION BUT OPPOSE THAT WHICH SERVES DIFFERENT GOALS AND OFFENDS SOVEREIGNTY.

3. PUJA THEN GAVE ME LONG RESISTANT CASE AGAINST ANY ACTION IN THIS AREA IN CSCE. SAID GOH DID NOT JAM WESTERN RADIO, HALF OF HUNGARY WATCHED AUSTRIAN TV, WESTERN PERIODICALS WERE AVAILABLE IN HOTELS AND SOME WERE MORE WIDELY AVAILABLE IN COUNTRY. BUT MANY WESTERN PUBLICATIONS WERE FILLED WITH MISINFORMATION AND DISTORTIONS AND HUNGARY COULD NOT BE ASKED TO SPEND HARD CURRENCY TO IMPORT PROPAGANDISTIC NEWSPAPERS AND JOURNALS. NOR WOULD POSSIBILITY OF DISTRIBUTION OF HUNGARIAN VIEWS TO WEST COMPENSATE FOR THIS BECAUSE OF LANGUAGE BARRIER.

4. PUJA SAID THIS ISSUE COULD NOT BE DEALT WITH MULTILATERALLY. PERHAPS SOME THINGS COULD BE DONE ON BILATERAL BASIS; SOMETIME IN FUTURE ALSO PERHAPS MULTILATERALLY, BUT NOT NOW.

5. HE REFERRED TO WESTERN EFFORTS IN CSCE AS "PRESSURE" AND CRITICIZED UK IN PARTICULAR FOR TAKING LEAD, FRG SECONDARILY. HE SAID FRANCE WAS NOT PARTICULARLY INTERESTED IN INFORMATION ITEM AND US HAD NOT BEEN TOO VIGOROUS. HE SAID HE COULD NOT UNDERSTAND WHY WE WERE PRESSING THIS POINT WHEN EVERYONE KNEW ITS INCLUSION WOULD BE VETOED BY TURKEY, PORTUGAL, SPAIN AND GREECE ANYWAY.

6. I TOLD PUJA WE AND OTHER WESTERN NATIONS FELT FREER EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION WAS IMPORTANT ASPECT OF EFFORTS TO IMPROVE RELATIONS WITHIN EUROPE. OUR POSITION WAS NOT "PRESSURE" OR HOSTILE IN INTENT BUT BASED ON CONVICTION THAT GREATER FLOW OF INFORMATION WOULD LEAD TO BETTER UNDERSTANDING AMONG PEOPLES AND THAT ANY ERRONEOUS INFORMATION WOULD BE OVERCOME BY WHAT WAS ACCURATE. I TOLD HIM THEY WOULD HAVE TO EXPECT TO SEE SOMETHING DONE IN THIS AREA IN CSCE. TO KEEP ISSUE FLUID, I ADDED THAT EVEN WITH HIS STRONG RESERVATIONS I GATHERED HE WAS NOT OPPOSED TO ANY LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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ADVANCES IN PRINCIPLE AND THAT DIFFERENCES, THOUGH CONSIDERABLE, WERE OVER THE FRAMEWORK. HE AGREED TO THAT DESCRIPTION.

7. COMMENT: PUJA WILL BE CONVINCED OPPONENT IN CSCE OF ANY MORE PROGRESS IN THIS AREA THAN THEY ABSOLUTELY HAVE TO MAKE TO ACHIEVE OBJECTIVES THEY WANT.
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